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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
RYO FUJIMOTO, et al. ) : Examiner: S.R. Pannala  
Application No.: 09/458,689 ) : Group Art Unit: 2167  
Filed: December 10, 1999 ) :  
For: IMAGE MANAGING APPARATUS )  
AND METHOD, IMAGE RETRIEVING :  
APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND )  
STORAGE MEDIUM : August 12, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2005, in connection with which a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

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